RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD REQUESTING FROM THE HANCOCK COUNTY PORT & HARBOR COMISSION ASSISTANCE WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MSSISSIPPI.

WHEREAS, the City engaged the professional services of Orion Planning & Design to prepare its 25 Year Comprehensive Plan, Envision Diamondhead 2040 (the "Plan"), and it was adopted by the City Council in July 2021; and

WHEREAS, Envision Diamondhead 2040 included an emphasis on commercial development, development of a town center and revitalization of the existing commercial corridor resulted in a finding of approximately \$135 million in potential retail sales; and

WHEREAS, the residential growth within the City is continuous and measurable by the number of subdivision plats approved and new home construction permits issued over the past two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the City is in the planning and design phases of various improvements to boost economic development and business opportunity within the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to seek from the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission assistance with economic development projects, to include but not limited to acquisition of real property as may be necessary to achieve the economic development and revitalization goals of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF DIAMONDHEAD, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION I.** The findings, conclusions and statements of fact contained in the preamble are hereby adopted, ratified and incorporated herein.

SECTION II. The City of Diamondhead is hereby formally requesting from the Hancock Port & Harbor Commission its commercial development expertise and other assistance with economic development projects, to include but not limited to acquisition of real property, as may become necessary to achieve the economic development and revitalization goals of the City.

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Councilmember Maher	1			
Councilmember Finley	1			
Councilmember Moran			Absent	
Councilmember Sheppard				
Councilmember Clark	V			
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Jeannie Klein, City Clerk